

City of Reading Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Physical Ability Test Failure Standard

The Candidate will walk throughout the entire event (a fast paced walk is acceptable). The candidate will receive one warning for running (one foot must remain in contact with the ground at all times). A second occurrence will result in a failure.

A candidate may stop and request a medical evaluation at any point during the exam. At such a time the test will be considered over and the Candidate will receive a failure and no retest will be offered.

Each candidate will be given the option to appeal their results with the Civil Service representative at the testing facility. They may offer the chance for a retest, which will occur the same day, at a time convenient to the Department. There will be no opportunities to appeal the process after the candidate has left the facility.

Skill Station #1 Hose Drag

1. The master time will begin when the Candidate crosses the start line with the hose over his shoulder.
2. Dropping the hose line will constitute a failure. The Candidate may stop and adjust their grip.
3. Failure to negotiate around the obstacle will constitute a failure.
4. Skill is complete when the Candidate crosses the finish line with the hose line over their shoulder.

Skill Station #2 Hose Pull

1. Placing both knees on the ground or falling over will constitute a failure.
2. One warning will be issued if the candidate fails to keep one knee in contact with the ground. Addition infractions will result in a failure.
3. Skill is complete when the final coupling crosses the finish line.

Skill Station #3 Maze

1. Losing contact with the hose line will constitute a failure.
2. Failure to negotiate an obstacle will constitute a failure.
3. Standing during the event will constitute a failure.
4. Failure to negotiate the full maze will constitute a failure.
5. Skill is complete when the Candidate exits after completing the entire maze.

Skill Station #4 Equipment Carry

1. Removing both tools at the same time will result in a failure.
2. Failure to place the tools on the ground prior to walking will constitute a failure.
3. Dropping the tools on the ground or falling will result in a failure.
4. The Candidate may place the tools on the ground and pick them up to adjust grip.
5. Failure to negotiate around the obstacle will result in a failure.
6. Failure to place both tools on the ground prior to placing them in the storage area will result in a failure.
7. Failure to place one tool at a time in the storage area will constitute a failure.
8. Skill is complete when both tools are returned back to the storage area.

Skill Station #5 Stair Climb

1. Failure to touch each step will result in a failure.
2. Failure to maintain contact with the handrail, while on the stair tower, will constitute a failure.
3. Failure to touch the far handrail prior to descending the stairs will result in a failure.
4. Failure to cross the line prior to starting the 2nd ascent will constitute a failure.
5. Skill is complete when the Candidate crosses the line after completing 2 full cycles of the evolution.

Skill Station #6 Extension Ladder

1. Failure to use a hand over hand method to raise or lower will result in a failure.
2. Wrapping the halyard around their hand will constitute a failure.
3. Failure to raise the ladder fully until it reaches the stops will constitute a failure.
4. Allowing the halyard to slip through their hands will constitute a failure.
5. Letting go of the halyard causing the ladder to fall will constitute a failure.
6. Skill is complete when the Candidate raises the extension fully until it touches the stops and lowers it fully.

Skill Station #7 Ladder Raise

1. Failure to begin the raise at the tip of the ladder will constitute a failure.
2. Failure to raise the ladder using a hand over hand method on the rungs will constitute a failure.
3. Falling or dropping the ladder will constitute a failure.
4. Failure to raise the ladder against the building will constitute a failure.
5. Skill is complete when the candidate properly raises the ladder against the building and ladder remains in contact with the building.

Skill Station #8 Rescue

1. Dropping the dummy or falling will constitute a failure.
2. Candidate will be able to stop and adjust grip as needed during the evolution as long as they do not drop the dummy.
3. Failure to cross the finish line with the entire dummy will constitute a failure.
4. Skill is complete when the entire dummy and Candidate cross the finish line.

Skill Station #9 Hose Hoist

1. Failure to touch each step will constitute a failure.
2. Failure to maintain contact with the handrail during the climb and descent will constitute a failure.
3. The Candidate may release the hand rail when they reach the top landing.
4. A hand over hand method must be used to pull the rope. The candidate may not pull the rope across the railing. Failure to use a hand over hand method or pulling the rope across the railing will constitute a failure.
5. Allowing the rope to slide through their hand or dropping the hose will constitute a failure.
6. Failure to bring the hose over the top railing and to lower it to the landing in a controlled manner will constitute a failure.
7. Skill is complete when the Candidate climbs the stair tower, raises the hose to the top, lifts the hose over the top railing, lowers the hose in a controlled manner to the landing, descends the stair tower, and crosses the finish line.

The master clock will stop when the Candidate crosses the finish line.

Failure to complete the course in less than 12 minutes will constitute a failure.

The Candidate will be provided with a 50 pound weight vest, helmet with chin strap. The candidate must provide suitable work gloves. Failure to use all supplied equipment and bring and wear work gloves will constitute in a failure.

The Candidate will be required long pants or sweatpants. Shorts will not be acceptable. Failure to wear long pants or sweatpants will constitute a failure.

Failure to provide a complete Medical Release Form signed by a Medical Physician will constitute a failure.

I have read and fully understand the objectives and failure points for this test.

Name _____ Signature _____